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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S LETTER ON AID

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS TO PRIME MINISTER TEXT FOLLOWING
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT DATED APRIL 17:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LETTER CONCERNING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION
IN SRI LANKA AND YOUR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE ECONOMIC
CHALLENGES OF THE PAST YEAR. I APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES
YOU CONTINUE TO FACE IN AREAS RELATING SO DIRECTLY TO THE
WELL-BEING OF YOUR PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT THE STEPS YOU
HAVE TAKEN TO MEET THESE PROBLEMS HAVE NOT BEEN EASY
ONES.

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3. I WANT TO REAFFIRM ONCE AGAIN OUR DESIRE TO BE
HELPFUL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE AID GROUP.
WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES CREATED FOR SO
MANY COUNTRIES BY SHORTAGES AND RISING COSTS OF FOOD,
PETROLEUM, AND OTHER VITAL RESOURCES. WE ANTICIPATE
RECEIVING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE THE IBRD REPORT ON
SRI LANKA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. AFTER REVIEWING THIS
REPORT AND WHATEVER RECOMMENDATIONS IT MAY INCLUDE, WE

WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER
AID GROUP COUNTRIES AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT, HOW THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BEST ASSIST
SRI LANKA TO ACHIEVE ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

4. WE ADMIRE THE EFFORTS YOUR GOVERNMENT IS MAKING
TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN SRI LANKA, TO EXPAND
EXPORT EARNINGS AND IN OTHER WAYS TO ACCELERATE
DEVELOPMENT AND INSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ITS
BENEFITS. WE WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT THESE
EFFORTS.

5. MRS. NIXON JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU OUR WARM PERSONAL
REGARDS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON END QUOTE

6. FYI - COPY WILL BE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE.
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